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CASE #7469(V)
UNUS #99-0134-UNI

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP # 1761**

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Applicant: DeBoer et al.
Serial No.: 09/454,774
Filed: December 3, 1999
For: FOOD COMPOSITION

Group: 1761
Examiner: C. Paden
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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 16, 2001, a two month extension of time for response to which is being requested, please amend the application as follows:

D1
1. (Twice amended) Edible composition comprising phyto sterols or derivatives thereof in an amount of at least 0.5 (g) per 100-150 (g), further comprising carotenoids in an amount of at least 1 (mg) per 100-150 (g), and wherein at least 20% wt of the carotenoids is in another phase than at least 50% wt of the total amount of the phyto sterols present, and wherein said carotenoids comprise β -carotene and lycopene in a ratio of between 1:20 and 1:0.2.

D2
12. (Amended) Composition according to claim 1, which comprises (extracts of) processed tomato, capsicum, red peppers, water mellon, carrots, or other fruit or vegetables containing the carotenoids, in an amount of 10-99%, based on fresh weight.